SB1270 Advisory Group MEETING NOTES October 25, 2007



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MEETING OVERVIEW



Participants:

SB 1270 stakeholders who participated in preparation sessions organized by SCDD.

Group members have become advisors to SCDD on putting the 10 recommendations into action.

Meeting Agenda:

- 1. Guest Speakers
- 2. Choose what is most important to the Advisory Group
- 3. Review SB-1270 Report activities

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GUESTS AND FOCUS



Alan Kerzin [SCDD Executive Director]

- 1. Getting people real jobs that pay.
- 2. Work toward fuller acceptance inclusion.

Report

Curt Child [Assemblyman Jim Beall's office]

- 1. Employment
- 2. Challenges of Autism
- 3. Better trained strong workforce



Peggy Collins [Joint Legislative Budget Committee]

- 1. More real employment for people with disabilities.
- 2. More jobs = more taxpayers = more \$ for CA.

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MOST IMPORTANT IDEAS

Create and participate in an activity that is concrete:

That means:

Impacts people

Is direct

Is meaningful to people

Measurable



WHAT WE WANT



- 2. More people will have jobs
- 3. Increase the amount of tax payers

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AS ADVISORS, WE THINK



- 1. Media: Advisory Group make a new DVD.
- 2. Self Directed Services: Use for employment.
- 3. Transition: Students form their own support groups.
- 4. Attitude Changes:
 - a. More opportunities for higher education.
 - b. Financial aid made available.
- 5. Awareness: More TV exposure.
- 6. Website: One place to find employment information.
- 7. Accountability:
 - a. Agencies spending \$ the right way for people.
 - b. People are informed on how \$ is spent.

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#1 IDEA - MAKE A DVD

THINK - Media Campaign:



Develop DVD about people with disabilities moving ahead, real employment examples, contributing to communities, and taxpayers. Highlight select recommendations from SB 1270.

Use: TV commercials, Public Service Announcements, businesses, legislators, models for young people and communities.

PLAN – The path



Find ways to pay for the DVD.

Look into places other than DDS, SCDD, ARCA.

Ideas: TV stations, businesses and people we know.

DO - Action Steps



- #1: Send meeting notes to Tammy and Liz for OK.
- #2: Meet in Jan. or Feb. 2008 to continue work
 Put together a DVD proposal
 Look for money
 Update on SCDD SB 1270 activities
- #3 SCDD-Video conference to reduce meeting cost.

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Review of SB 1270 10 Recommendations

#1 Make sure people with developmental disabilities and families get information about integrated employment, community participation, work and health benefits at their IPP meeting.

Meetings: YES

Activities:

Talking with legislators to amend Lanterman Act to make sure people with developmental disabilitities have all information needed about options at IPP meetings

Working with the World Institute on Disabilities to create a law to provide benefits counselors at Regional Centers.

Changes:

We [SCDD] are being listened to and new information is coming out.

#2 People have their own self directed service budgets, decide on the kinds of services they want, and buy their services.

Meetings: Yes

Activities: None

Changes:

Starting in 2008







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#3 The State Council will ask state agencies like DDS, DOR and DOE to put funding together to help people with developmental disabilities and their families figure out what to do after high school.







Meetings: Yes

Activities:

Some Area Boards and Regional Centers have groups working on school transition issues.

Changes:

Some Regional Centers are helping to pay for school.

#4 The State Council will work with its State Public Agency partners and all employers to hire more people with disabilities.

Meetings: Yes

Activities:

Working with statewide groups, planning a "Roundtable meeting" in April 2008 (maybe on Tax Day).

Will highlight transition and careers for National Disability Employment Awareness in October 2008.

Changes:

More people with developmental disabilitities are working at SCDD.

DDS hired a new person with developmental disabilitities.

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#5 Help individuals who have good ideas about work and job services or community services and people with developmental disabilities who want to start their own business.

Meetings: Yes

Activities:

Presentations at conferences

Changes:

More happening in California about self-employment at some programs like the CP Center in Oakland.

#6 Make sure support staff get the training they need to do a good job by putting together good trainers from across the state.

Meetings: None

Activities:

SCDD is following proposed laws on support worker training.

Looking at including people with developmental disabilitities and families as trainers in new services.

Supporting the "College of Direct Support."

Changes: None

#7 Get the word out about people with developmental disabilities who work and are involved in their communities.

Meetings: Yes

Activities:

Work together with statewide groups.

Working with SB1270 advisory group on more media. Work on getting DVD out to cable TV stations.

Changes: None

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#8 For people who work and get SSI, let them keep more of the money they earn and health benefits.

Meetings: Yes

Activities:

Talked about a new Waiver.

Changes: None

#9 Let Regional Centers pay for services that help people find and keep jobs and get out in the community to do things like everyone else.

Meetings: Yes

Activities:

Plan a conference on integrated work and how providers can be supported to do more of this.

Talked about accessible and affordable transportation.

Changes: None

#10 Keep track of the work/employment situation of people with developmental disabilities and how they are involved in social and recreational activities in their communities.

Meetings: Yes

Activities: None

Changes:

Advisory Committee comments:

[#1] SB 1270 Advisory members shared with Alan Kerzin their concerns about privacy, paperwork that doesn't mean anything, and many attempts at tracking already.

[#2] Involve people who use the services and have experience being "tracked" in these discussions.